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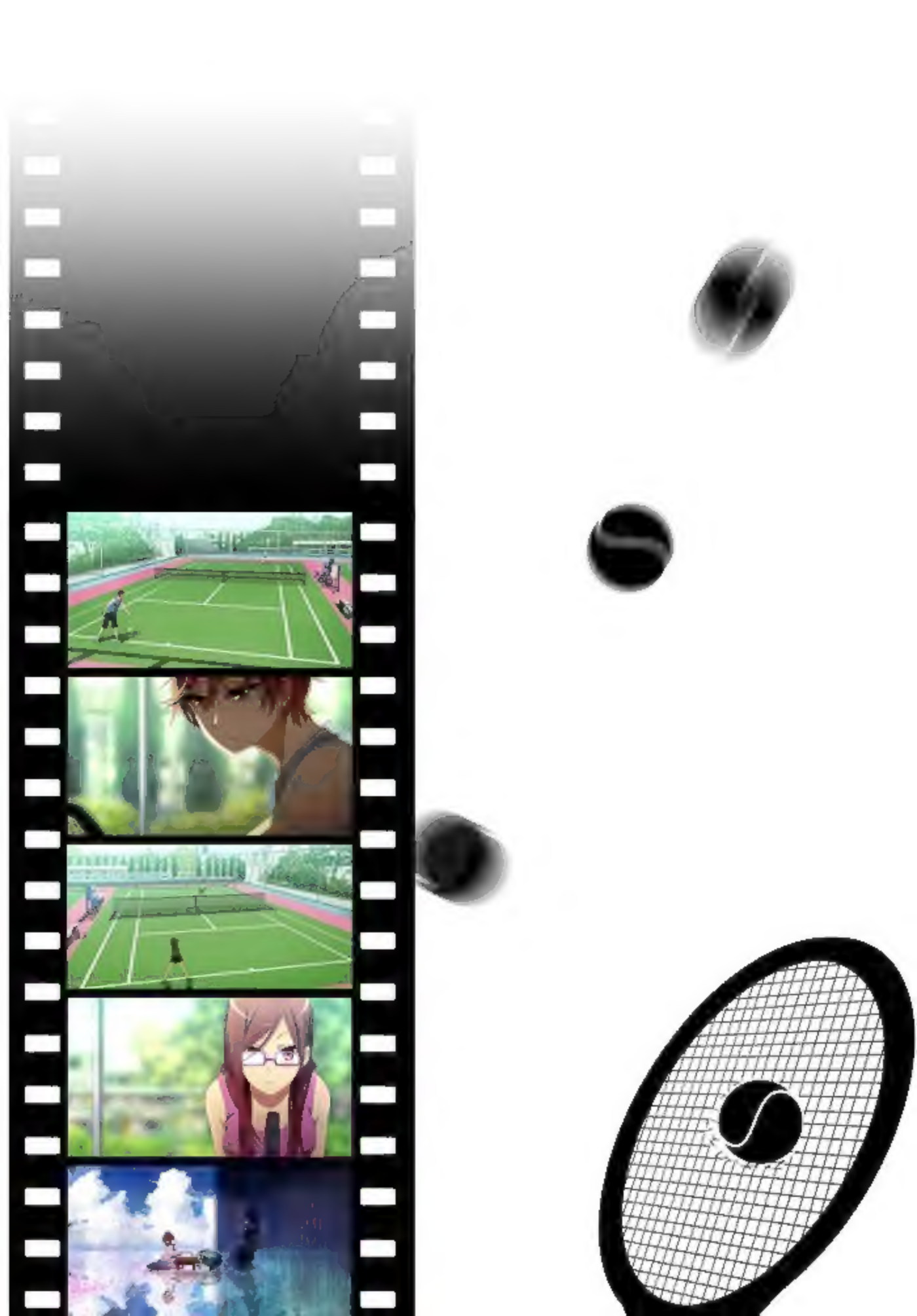


EVERY TENNIS PLAYER'S DREAM IS TO COMPETE IN THE FOUR BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR

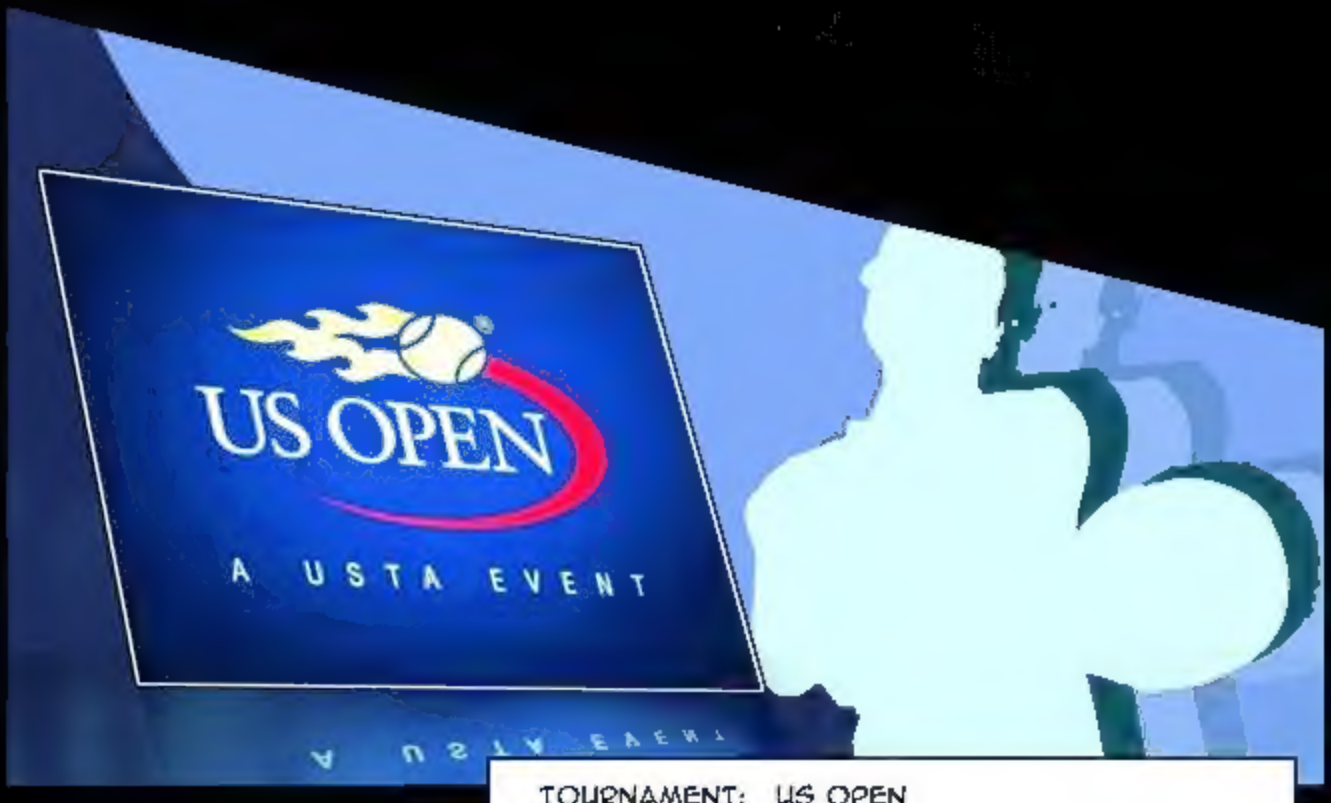
"THE GRANDSLAM TOURNAMENTS"

TOURNAMENT: AUSTRALIAN OPEN
VENUE: MELBOURNE PARK, MELBOURNE
DATES: LATE JANUARY

PRIZE POOL: A$ 59,000,000

TOURNAMENT: FRENCH OPEN
VENUE: STADE ROLAND GARROS, PARIS
DATES: LATE MAY- EARLY JUNE
PRIZE POOL: €34, 650,000

TOURNAMENT: WIMBLEDON
VENUE: ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB, LONDON
DATES: LATE JUNE- EARLY JULY
PRIZE POOL: £35,000,000



TOURNAMENT: US OPEN
VENUE: USTA BILLIE JEAN KING NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER, NEW YORK CITY
DATES: LATE AUGUST- EARLY SEPTEMBER
PRIZE POOL: $ 52,000,000

PERSEVERANCE, TALENT, AND STRENGTH.. IN ALL THESE ASPECTS, MEN HAS BEEN SUPERIOR EVER SINCE.

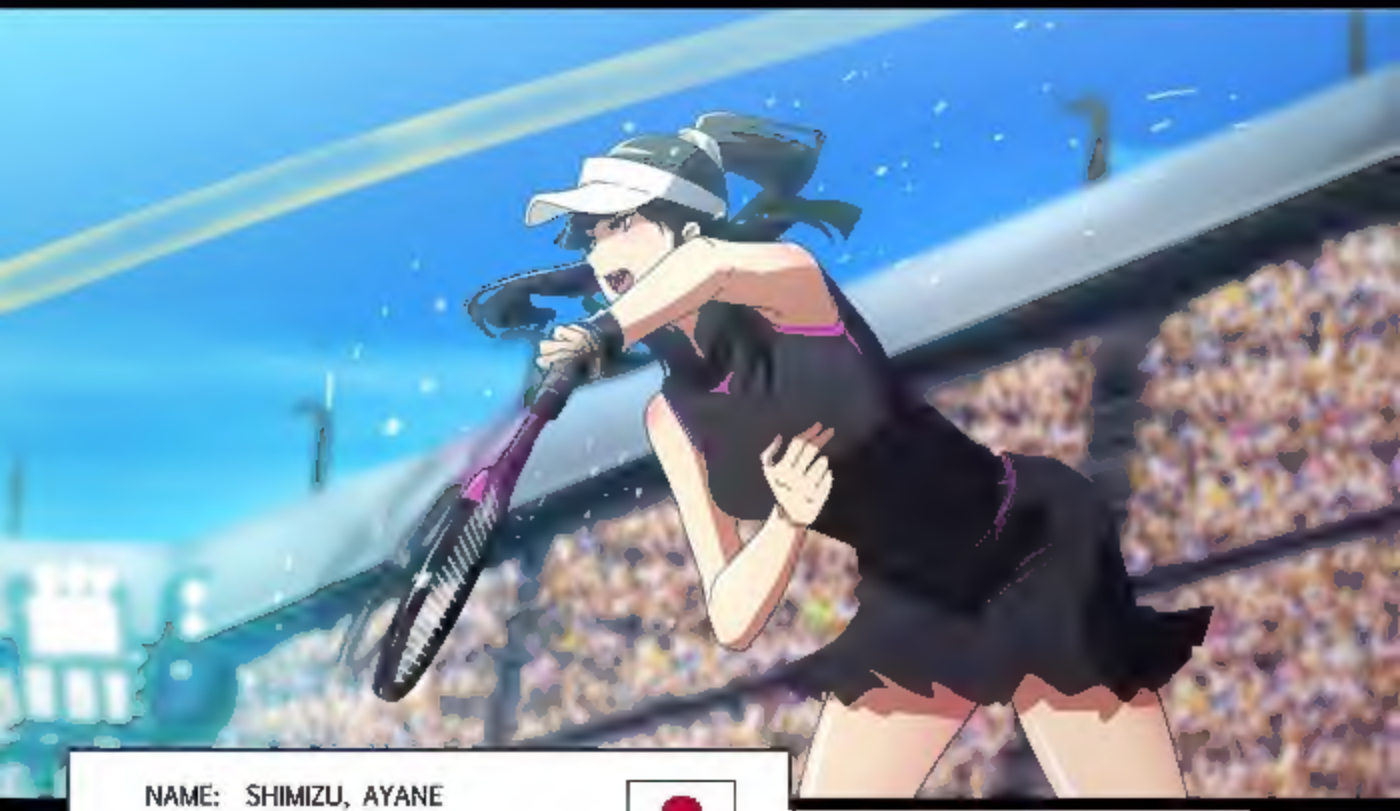
THERE WERE TIMES THAT BOTH GENDER WERE COMPARED, SPECIAL EVENTS WERE HELD BUT WOMEN'S TENNIS WAS ONLY PROVEN INFERIOR TO MEN'S.

UNTIL THAT TIME CAME, WHEN A PRODIGY CHALLENGED THE BEST PLAYER IN MEN'S TENNIS IN A ONE-ON-ONE SHOWDOWN

THIS TOURNAMENT CALLED
"BATTLE OF THE SEXES",
THE MOST ANTICIPATED SHOWDOWN
OF THE YEAR IS WHERE CHAMPIONS
OF OPPOSING GENDERS CLASHED

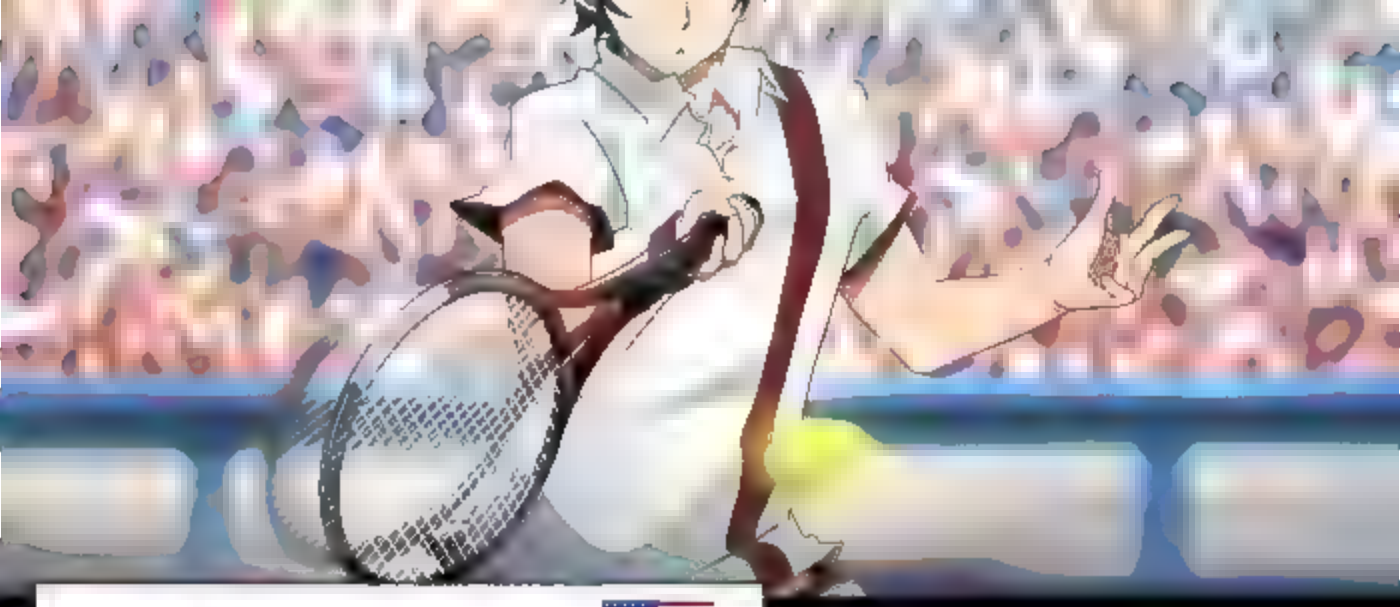
TOURNAMENT: BATTLE OF THE SEXES
VENUE: ALL JAPAN STADIUM, TOKYO
HOST: ASIA
DATES: MID DECEMBER
PRIZE POOL: $ 140,000,000

.. AND ANOTHER HISTORY WAS WRITTEN



NAME: SHIMIZU, AYANE
AGE: 19
PLAYSTYLE: BASELINER
FAST SERVES (LEFT HANDED)
ACCURATE ANGLED SHOTS

YEAR RECORD
WINS: 60
LOSS: 0



NAME. GREENE, NATHAN
AGE 25
PLAYSTYLE. ALL-ROUNDER
COUNTER SHOTS (RIGHT HANDED)
SHARP SLICE SHOTS

YEAR RECORD
WINS. 67
LOSS 0

FROM THE VERY START, THE TWO CHAMPIONS DISPLAYED THEIR BEST PLAYS..

BOTH WERE TESTING EACH OTHERS' STYLE

MANY WERE SURPRISED BY HOW THE YOUNG LADY PLAYED AGAINST THE MEN'S NUMBER 1
THEY'RE ON EQUAL FOOTING DESPITE THEIR GENDER
BUT AS THE MATCH CONTINUES..
EVERYONE WAS SHOCKED WHEN SHIMIZU STARTED TO OUTPLAY GREENE.

THE RALLY WAS SO INTENSE
THE STADIUM WENT INTO
MOMENTARY SILENCE

AND AFTER ALMOST FIVE
HOURS OF INTENSE RALLY

..THE STRONGER ONE EMERGED VICTORIOUS

GAME, SET AND MATCH!

7-5
3-6
6-4
2-6
7-6

HER PHENOMENAL FEAT OF ACHIEVEMENT INSPIRED TENNIS

PLAYERS ALL OVER THE WORLD
NOT ONLY DID SHE WON THE BIGGEST PRIZE MONEY IN THE HISTORY OF TENNIS AND REDEEMED WOMEN'S PRIDE .
..BUT ALSO AT THAT TIME...

SHE FINALLY FOUND HER NEW HAPPINESS.

THAT WAS THEIR FIRST AND LAST OFFICIAL MATCH..

AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR..?

I WAS BORN.

THIS IS HOW MY STORY BEGAN..
I CAME FROM A VERY TALENTED AND RICH FAMILY..
BUT I WASN'T BLESSED WITH THOSE TALENTS THAT THEY HAD

I INHERITED MOM AND DAD'S DREAMS AND PASSION..

BUT ALL I HAD WAS BRAINS.

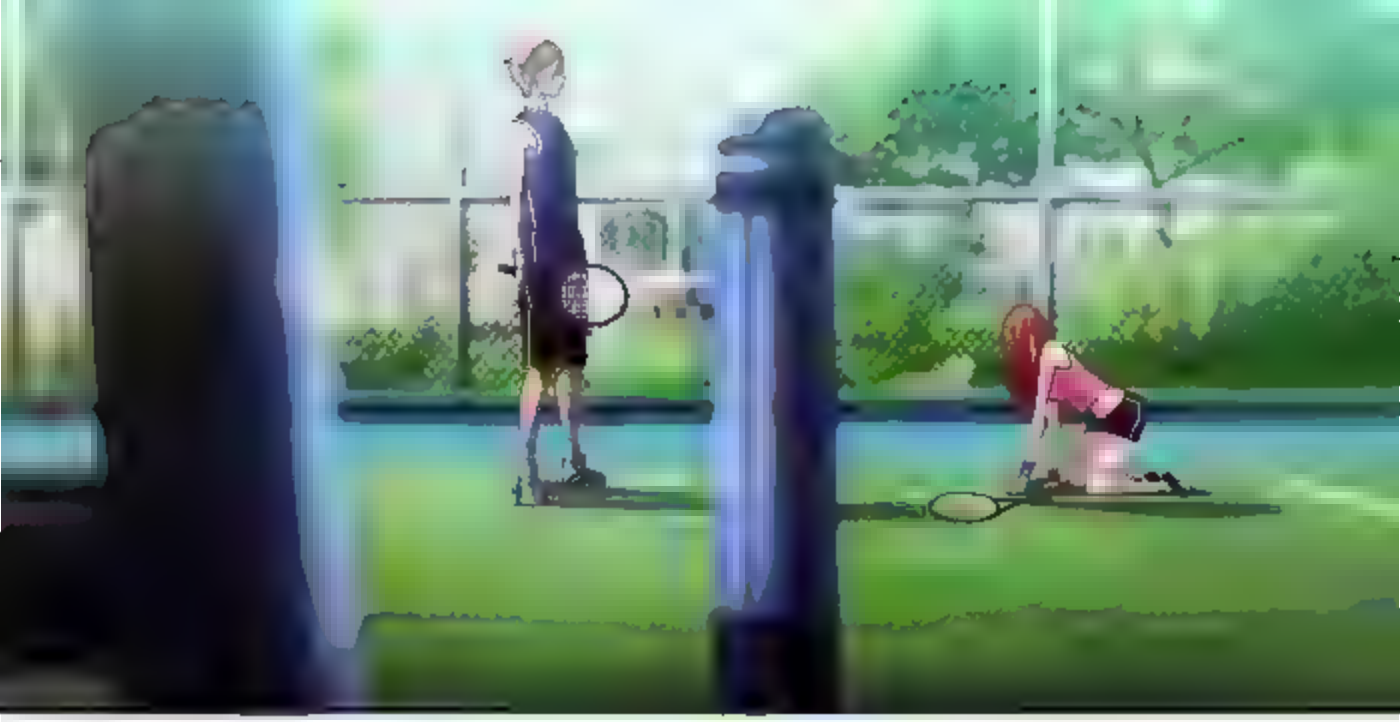
I TRAINED HARD EVERY SINGLE DAY..

AND MADE A VOW TO MYSELF THAT ONE DAY I'LL BECOME THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WHOLE WORLD

BUT EVEN BEFORE I STEP INTO THE PRO TENNIS WORLD,

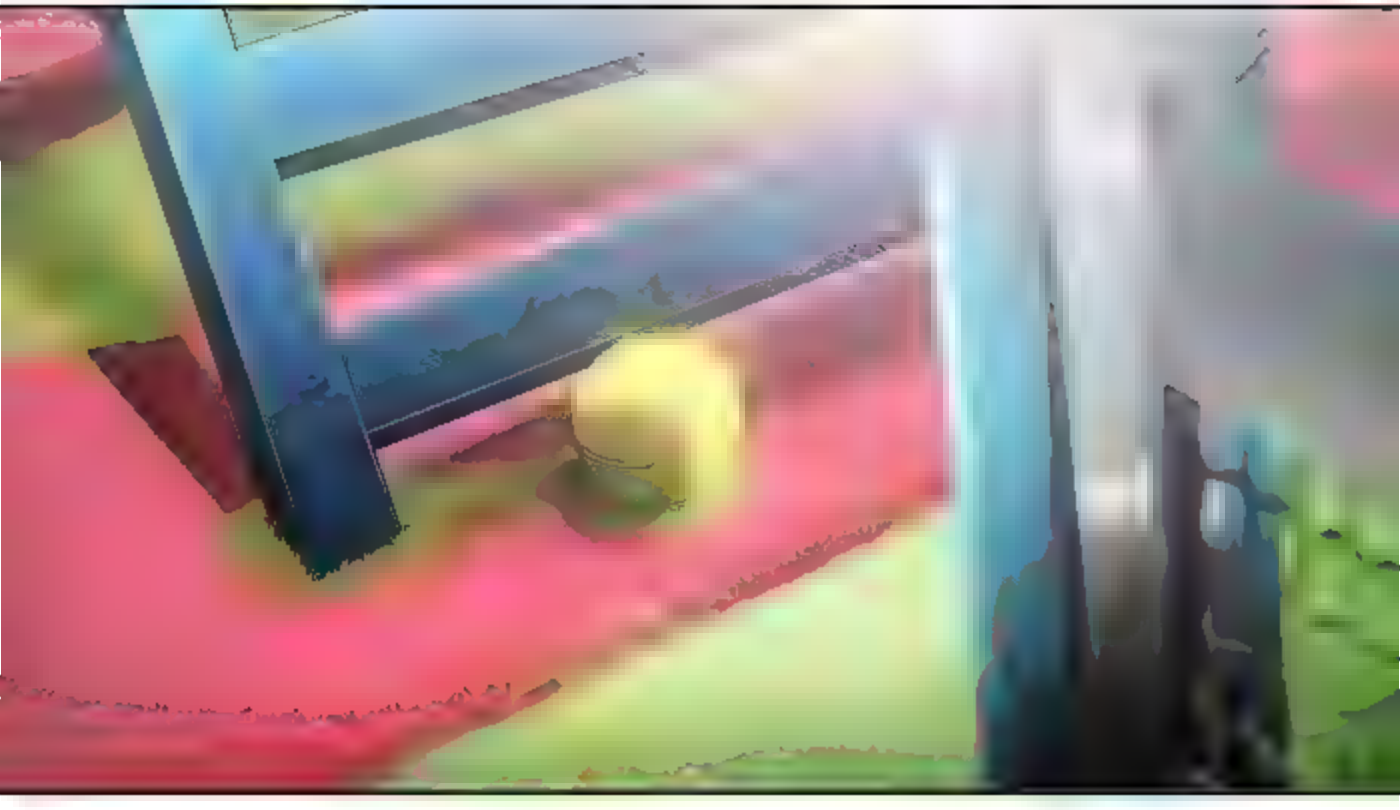
I WAS ALREADY CRUSHED..

BY A MAN..

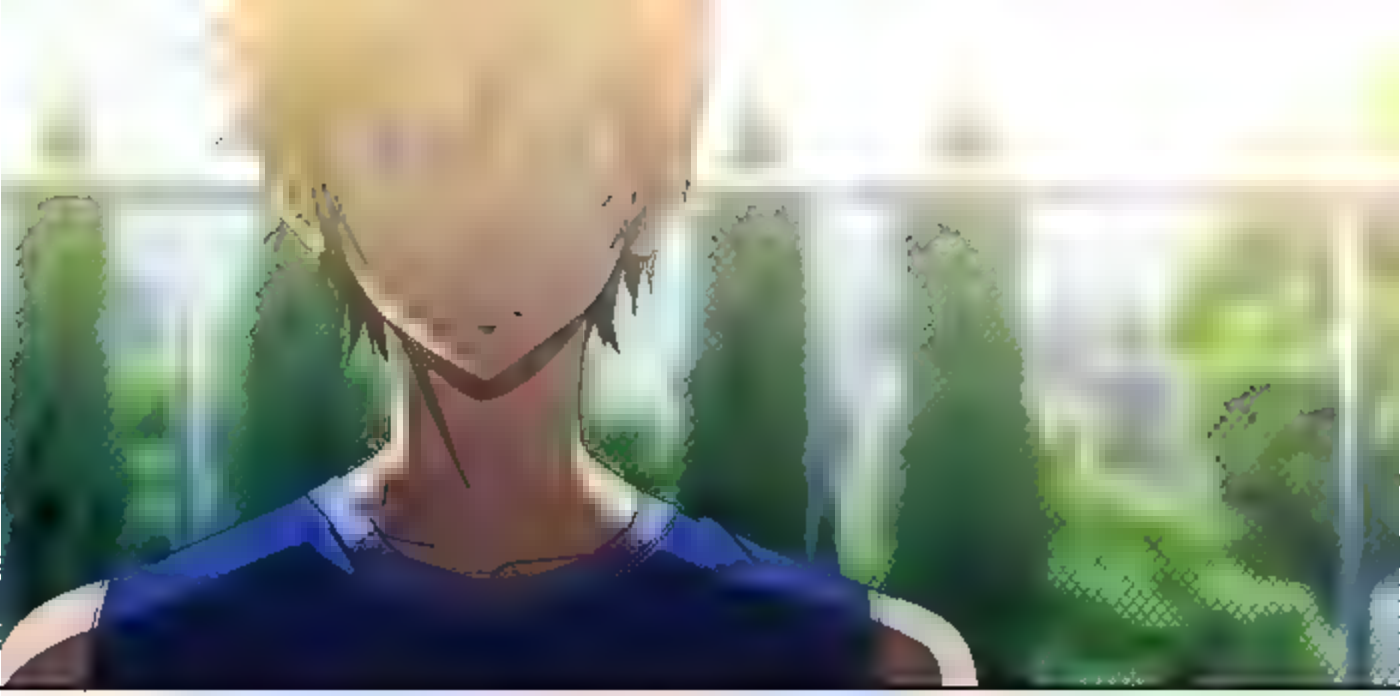


HE MADE IT LOOK SO EASY..

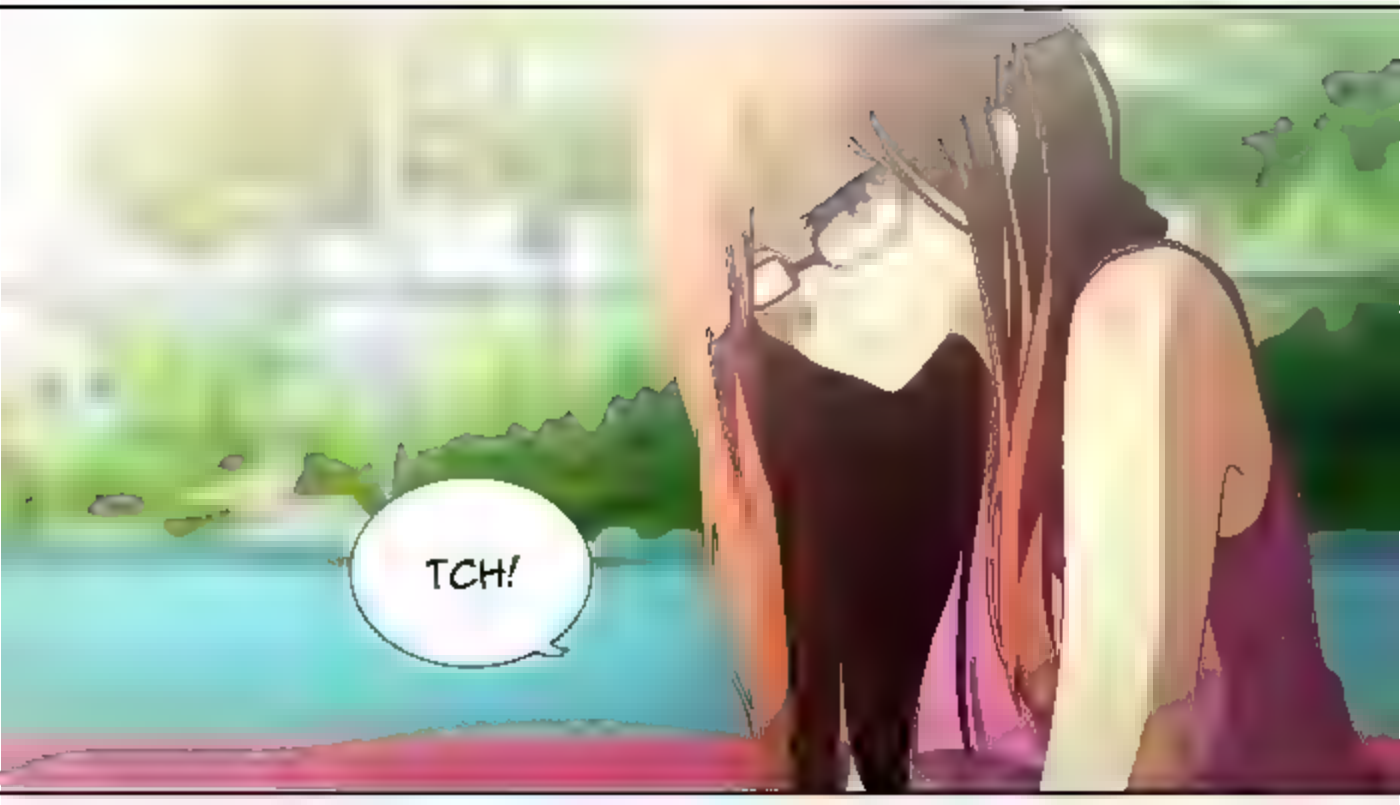
HE'S JUST...



..TOO GOOD, TOO STRONG



..SO UNFAIR!



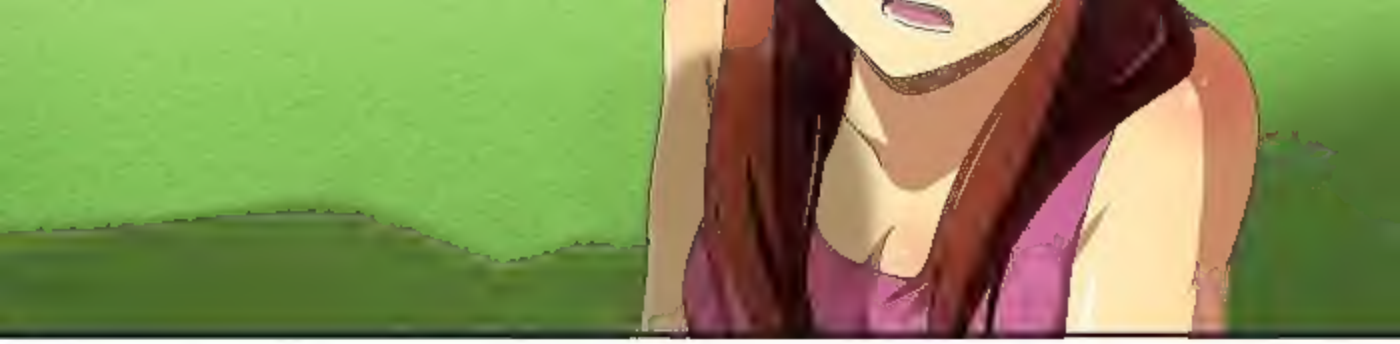
HOW'D YOU BECOME THIS GOOD?

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED TO LEARN, THEN COME WITH ME IN TOKYO
YOU CAN STAY IN MY PLACE, DON'T WORRY, IT'S A CONDO UNIT SO IT'S SAFE THERE.

W-W-WAIT A SEC?
J-JUST THE TWO OF US!?
W-WHY?

T-THAT'S..
OMYGOD.
..I'M NOT READY FOR THAT KIND OF STUFF, ATLEAST NOT NOW!
PBHHH! C'MON STOP DAYDREAMING..
I WON'T TOUCH YOU.. I GAURANTEE YOU THAT. I JUST WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE REAL TENNIS.
I..I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT BUT AS LONG AS WE KEEP OUR BOUNDARIES..

WELL..
..I-I DON'T MIND SHARING A ROOM FOR A NIGHT.. SO..
NO ONE GETS BETTER OVERNIGHT, SILLY. YOU'LL HAVE TO BE WITH ME FOR FIVE STRAIGHT MONTHS!



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